



# Alabama News Release



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## November 1 Crop Forecast

The NASS Alabama Statistical Office conducted its final monthly agriculture yield survey for 2010 and would like to thank all the respondents who participated in the survey. Harvesting for row crops is moving rapidly as the drier-than-normal conditions promoted early harvesting. Spotty rain occurred across the state providing some drought relief to several areas. Yields varied widely with the presence or absence of rain showers.

**CORN** The planted and harvested acres for corn remain unchanged from June at 270,000 and 250,000 acres, respectively. Yield is forecast at 120 bushels per acre, which is unchanged from October. From these numbers, 2010 production is estimated at 30,000,000 bushels, if realized, would be the highest yield since 2004 and the highest total production since 1979.

**COTTON** The crop condition was 10 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 25 percent good, and 1 percent excellent as of October 31, 2010. Planted and harvested acres remain unchanged from October at 345,000 and 343,000 acres, respectively. Cotton yield is forecast at 616 pounds per acre, which is also unchanged from October, but a 52 lint pound-per-acre decrease from 2009; production is forecast at 440,000 bales.

**PEANUTS** Harvest is ahead of last year and the five-year average, with 45 and 73 percent, respectively; 46 percent of the crop is in fair to good condition. Peanut planted and harvested acreage is 190,000 and 187,000 acres, respectively, unchanged from October. Peanut yield is forecast at 2,600 pounds per acre, unchanged from October; total peanut production is forecast at 486,200,000 pounds.

**SOYBEANS** As of October 31, soybean conditions were 63 percent fair to good, with 79 percent harvested compared with 39 percent at this time last year, and 61 percent for the five-year average. Planted and harvested acreage remain unchanged from October, at 360,000 and 350,000 acres, respectively. Yield is forecast at 28 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel per acre from October, giving a total production of 9,800,000 bushels.

## Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, November 1

		Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
			Indicated		Indicated		Indicated		Indicated
Crop	Unit	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
<b>ALABAMA</b>		— Thousand —		— Thousand —		— Units —		- Thousand Units -	
Upland cotton <sup>1</sup>	Bales	255	345	248	343	668	616	345	440
Corn for grain	Bu.	280	270	250	250	108	120	27,000	30,000
Soybeans	Bu.	440	360	430	350	40	28	17,200	9,800
Peanuts	Lb.	155	190	150	187	3,300	2,600	495,000	486,200
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		— Thousand —		— Thousand —		— Units —		— Million Units —	
Upland cotton <sup>1</sup>	Bales	9,008	10,829	7,391	10,566	766	814	11.8	17.9
Corn for grain	Bu.	86,482	88,222	79,590	81,263	164.7	154.3	13,110.1	12,539.6
Soybeans	Bu.	77,451	77,714	76,372	76,823	44.0	43.9	3,359.0	3,375.1
Peanuts	Lb.	1,116	1,290	1,079	1,261	3,412	3,142	3,691.7	3,962.0

<sup>1</sup> Yield per acre indicated in pounds.

Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around November 1 and do not reflect changes in condition since that time.

Results are based on the November Agriculture Yield Survey from a sample of approximately 472 producers.

